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Docket No. 044159-1000**RECEIVED**
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**REMARKS****DEC 01 2006**

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the Office Action of September 5, 2006. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-65 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. In response to the Office Action, claims 1, 14, 15, 24, 25, 35, 36, 47, 48, 53, 58, and 59 have been amended. In addition, claims 20 and 63 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-19, 21-62, 64 and 65 are still pending in the present application and are believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

Initially, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation, the Examiner Walters and Supervisory Patent Examiner Ellis's granting of a personal interview with the Applicants representatives Jeff Schwartz and the undersigned. During the interview, all of the independent claims pending in the present application and the cited prior art references were discussed in detail. In addition, various proposed amendments to the independent claims were discussed. The Applicants believe that the interview was very fruitful and an agreement was reached.

Referring to the Final Office Action, claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-16, 17, 19, 21, 23-30, 32, 34-38, 40, 42-44, 46-51, 53-60, 62, 64 and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,111,316 to Wappler. In addition, claims 8, 12, 18, 20, 31, 33, 39, 41, 45, 61, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the same Wappler reference. Furthermore, claims 22 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wappler, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,103,740 to Masse. However, these rejections are believed to be rendered moot in view of the amendments to the claims submitted above which are based on the discussions and agreement reached during the interview.

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In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that the stabilizer support system is for a railroad system having rails, and includes support structure that supports objects above the rails, the support structure having one or more extendable support legs that extend in a downward direction toward the ground, and an elongate load beam that extends transversely across the rails, which is separate from the support structure. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the load beam releasably receives the extendable support leg(s) to support the support leg(s) elevated off of the ground, where the elongate load beam further supports the extendable support leg(s) to allow movement in the direction of the rails of the railroad system. Dependent claims 14 and 15 that ultimately depend from independent claim 1 have been amended to more clearly claim the inventive features recited therein. In addition, claim 20 has been canceled as being redundant in view of the amendments to independent claim 1.

Independent claim 24 has been amended to further recite an apparatus that extends transversely across the rails, and includes with one or more fit sleeves. In this regard, claim 24 has been further amended to recite that, the method including providing one or more extendable support legs that are separate from the apparatus, and removably resting the extended support leg(s) on the fit sleeve(s) to support the support leg(s) elevated off of the ground, and further to allow movement in the direction of the rails.

Independent claim 25 has been amended to specifically recite that the load beam extends across and outwardly beyond the rails, and that the recited method includes removably connecting the fit sleeve(s) to the extendable support leg(s) to support the extendable support leg(s) elevated off the ground.

Independent claim 35 has been amended to specifically recite that the load beam extends transversely across and outwardly beyond the rails, the load beam having wheels that contact the ground or the rails. In addition, claim 35 has also been amended to recite that one or more extendable support legs are provided which are separate from the load beam, and extend downwardly toward the ground

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to removably rest upon the load beam so that they are supported elevated off of the ground.

Independent claim 36 has been amended to specifically recite that the extendable support leg(s) extend downwardly toward a ground, that the support structure is adapted to support objects above the rails, and that the load beam extends across and outwardly beyond the rails. In addition, claim 36 has been amended to recite that the fit sleeve(s) receive and support the support leg(s) elevated off of the ground. Furthermore, claim 36 has been amended to recite that the locking mechanism releasably locks the support leg(s) in the fit sleeve(s). Dependent claims 47 and 48 ultimately dependent on claim 36 have been amended to more clearly claim the inventive features recited therein.

Independent claim 53 has been amended to specifically recite that the support structure is adapted to support objects above the rails, that extendable support legs extends downwardly from the support structure toward a ground, and that the wheels that contact the ground or the rail support the extendable support legs elevated off of the ground and outward of the rails, to allow the support structure to be moved in a direction of the rail while being supported. Dependent claims 58 and 59 have been amended to more clearly claim the inventive features recited therein. Finally, dependent claim 63 has been canceled as being redundant in view of the amendments to independent claim 53.

The Applicants respectfully contend the prior art of record fail to disclose the invention now recited in the above amended claims. Correspondingly, the above amended claims are believed to be in proper condition for allowance, and the withdrawal of the above noted rejections and the allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is

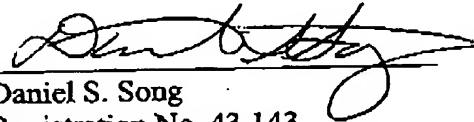
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invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

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